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Providing Network
Interfaces to Instruments
Without Networking
Capabilities

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	B1	6,484,061	11/19/02	Papadopoulos et al.			
	B2	6,587,884	7/1/03	Papadopoulos et al.			
	B3	5,975,737	11/2/99	Crater et al			
	B4	5,805,442	9/8/98	Crater et al.			

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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	B5	Ross, "Virtual Laboratories Measuring Real Devices", 1999 IEEE, November 10-13, 1999, 12d3-23-27
	B6	Anido et al., "Labware for the Internet", ETSI Telecomunicacion, 5 May 2000, 201-208
	B7	Fortino et al., "Multicast Control of Mobile Measurement Systems", Dipartimento di Elettronica Informatica e Sistemistica, 27 pages

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